



Howden Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Resources and Asset Management Committee held on Tuesday January 12th 2021 at 7.15pm via Zoom Conference Call.

Present: Councillors Blee (Chair), Roberts, Ward, Pears, Chiswell, Patrick, Smythson

Clerk: S Hardcastle

2021-01-RAM: Apologies for absence – to receive and accept

No apologies were received

2021-02-RAM: Declaration of Interest –

2021-02.1-RAM Declarations of Interests, in respect to Agenda items, to be made and recorded in the minutes even if an interest has been declared in the register.

Councillor Blee declared an interest in Item 2021-04.2-RAM in respect to In the Canopy. Councillor Pears declared an interest in Item 2021-04.2-RAM in respect to Howden Pre-School. Councillor Ward declared an interest in Item 2021-04.2-RAM in respect of the Ashes and the Shire Hall.

2021-02.2-RAM For the Council to note any dispensations presented to the Clerk prior to the meeting and their resolution.

No dispensations were presented.

2021-03-RAM: Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday October 13th 2020 – to agree and approve as a true record.

The minutes of the meeting held Tuesday October 13th 2020 were agreed and approved as a true record.

2021-04-RAM: Finance Review 2020/2021 and Budget Plan 2021/2022

2021-04.1-RAM Budget Plan – To agree to recommend to Full Council. (Attached)

The financial review projected to March 31st 2020 was presented alongside a proposed budget for 2021/2022. It was noted all figures are exclusive of VAT and as there had been no structure behind the previous years' spreadsheet, this year was broken down, based on actual figures and is now linked to RIALTAS codes. It was also noted the Taxbase figure issued for 2021/22 by ERYC is less than the 2021/21 figures as they over-estimated the number of houses for the 2020/21 figure. Following agenda item 2021-04.2-RAM it was agreed to recommend to Council approval of a budget figure of £214,715.00.

2021-04.2-RAM Grant Applications – To agree to recommend to Full Council. (Attached)



Invitations were sent out at the end of 2020 to interested parties wishing to apply for a grant for the 2021/2022 financial year. It was emphasised preferential support would be given to organisations providing services across the community. Committee were advised there was a maximum of £30,160 to be given through S137 grants as this was based on the appropriate sum Under section 137 (4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 and multiplied by the number of electorate. The amount was confirmed as £8.32 per electorate, with the up to date electorate confirmed as 3625. Total requested for S137 grants through the application process was £44,176.90 which exceeded the allowance Council can grant.

- 1) HTC Grant - Ashes Trust. £35,950 was requested with a break down of £28,000 for General Maintenance, £1,000 for Paths and Trees, £6,000 for Main Equipment Replacement Fund and £950 for Waste Collection. It was agreed to recommend to Council a grant for £28,000 to cover the General Maintenance.
- 2) HTC Grant - Shire Hall. £29,244 was requested with a break down of £9700 for Destination Howden and £19,544 for building works. It was agreed to recommend to Council a grant for the full amount.
- 3) S137 - Howden AFC. £32,400 was requested for the anticipated construction costs of an access road. It was agreed to recommend to Council a grant for £18,383.10. It was noted that the request exceeded the full amount Council are allowed to grant. To allow payments to the other smaller requests this was the maximum allowance left in the S137 budget.
- 4) S137 - Howden Pre-School. £8043.90 was requested for 50 percent of a new build. It was agreed to recommend to Council a grant for the full amount if they were successful in raising the other half. *After the meeting it was confirmed they now have this funding in place.
- 5) S137 - Howden Show. £998 was requested for the Community Space Tent. It was agreed to recommend to Council a grant for the full amount.
- 6) S137 - Howdenshire Music Project. £835 was requested for an all day Community music event and education scheme. It was agreed to recommend to Council a grant for the full amount.
- 7) S137 - In the Canopy. £1900 was requested for fencing for two sides of the proposed site. It was agreed to recommend to Council a grant for the full amount with the clause that if planning permission is required this must be in place before the grant is paid.

2021-05-RAM: Precept 2021/2022. To agree to recommend to Full Council.

It was agreed to propose that Council supplement the budget with £25,000 from underspend and reserves and recommend to Council a precept of £189,715.00. This would equate to a 3.04 percent increase and a £3.31 Band D increase on 2020/2021.

2021-06-RAM: Covid-19. To consider any support required to organisations helping Howden residents during latest Covid restrictions.

It was noted at the present time Howden Helpers did not need any financial support.

2021-07-RAM: Correspondence.

None

2021-08-RAM: Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday March 9th 2021 at 7.15pm.



The meeting closed at 9.23pm